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Reviews the Administration Report of the Department of Food Supplies for the year 1960-61

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Letter No. ESAC/61-62, dated 6th February 1963, from the Director of Food Supplies in Mysore, Bangalore.

ORDER No. RDE 5 FET 63, DATED BANGALORE, THE 25TH JANUARY 1964 (MAGHA 5, SAKA ERA 1885).

1 Recorded.

2 *Administration*:—Shri M. S. Shankara Rao, I.A.S., continued to be the Director of Food Supplies till 30th December 1960 when he handed over charge to Shri C. M. Kempanna. He held charge of the office till 9th January 1961 when he handed over charge to Shri V. Byrappa, I.A.S., who continued to be in charge of the Department for the rest of the year.

3 Shri Ahmed Siddiqui continued to be the Office Assistant (Gazetted) to the Director of Food Supplies till the afternoon of 4th September 1960 when he handed over charge to Shri B. S. Narayana Murthy who continued to hold the charge of post for the rest of the year under report.

4 Shri B. N. Rama Rao continued as Assistant Director of Food Supplies (Procurement) from 1st April 1960 till 8th August 1960. From 20th August 1966 to 31st March 1961 Shri B. Munivenkataiya held the charge of the offices of the Assistant Director of Food Supplies (Procurement) and the Assistant Director of Food Supplies (Depots).

5 Shri K. N. Krishnappa continued as whole-time Food Assistant to the Deputy Commissioner, Bangalore District till 21st March 1961. Shri C. Narasimha Murthy took charge of the office on 21st March 1961 and continued to be in charge of the post for the rest of the period under report.

6 The post of Special Tahsildar-*cum*-Office Assistant to the Assistant Director of Food Supplies (Depots) Bangalore was held by Shri K. C. Puttanarasaiah from 1st April 1960 to 21st October 1960, by Shri L. Venkatachalaiah from 21st October 1960 to 29th October 1960 (Forenoon) and by Shri L. Shivalingaiah from 29th October 1960 to 31st March 1961.

7 The establishments of the Director of Food Supplies and the Assistant Director of Food Supplies were continued from time to time. The staff in the District and Taluk Offices and in the Government Central Depot, Mysore was continued till 31st March 1961.

8 *Business Statistics*:—The following details indicate the volume of business transacted in the Office of the Director of Food Supplies during the year under report.

	1958-59	1959-60	1960-61
1. No. of references received	27,529	27,058	20,948
2. No. of fair copies issued	12,284	11,994	8,745
3. No. of currents disposed of:	4,653	4,481	...

9 The acreage of Rice, Ragi and Jola in the State and the yield in terms of tonnes during the year under report were as shown below.

RICE		RAGI		JOLA. (Jawar)	
Area	Yield	Area	Yield	Area	Yield
23,69,256	11,38,181	21,65,172	6,01,483	66,49,252	10,47,696

10 *Price Stabilisation Scheme*:—In view of the fairly satisfactory supply position of rice in the open market and in view of the need to conserve the existing stocks for use during the lean months of the year, the issue of Government stock of rice through fair price shops in the State had been stopped with effect from 1st April 1960. At that time it was anticipated that the stocks of paddy/rice available with Government would suffice for release during the lean months from September to December 1960. There were, however, repeated requests from the public to resume releases of rice. It was also noticed that with the stoppage of issue of rice through Fair Price Shops there was an upward trend in prices of food grains in general and of rice in particular. In order to maintain the price levels, the release of rice through Fair Price Shops was resumed in the month of June 1960. The prices for several varieties of rice were fixed varying from Rs. 48 to Rs. 70 per palla of 100 seers of Mysore measure.

11 During the middle of the year 1960, scarcity conditions were prevailing in several parts of the State. As Government had not procured paddy/rice and did not have any stocks of paddy/rice with them, arrangements were made to import rice from Madhya Pradesh through the agency of the Mysore State Co-operative Marketing Society, Limited, Bangalore allowing a fixed commission to the Society. A total quantity of 1,21,595 bags of rice of the value of about Rs. 60,00,000 was so imported into the State from Madhya Pradesh during the year and this stock was released to the consumers through retailers. The price paid by Government for this rice varied from Rs. 61-14 nP. to Rs. 62-38 nP. for a bag of 3 mds.

12 *Control Orders*:—(i) The Rice (South Zone) Movement Control Order, 1957, with its amendments issued by the Government of India continued to be in force during the year under report.

Permits were issued to export about fifty tonnes as against a quota of 100 tonnes allotted to this State during the year for personal consumption outside the State. The limit of 20,000 bags per month for export of rice products outside the State continued to be in force. This quota was allotted among the Districts of Bellary, Hassan, Shimoga, Chitradurga, Dharwar and Belgaum and permits were issued monthly in favour of *bona fide* manufacturers and exporters.

(ii) The Southern Rice Zone (Restriction on Rail Bookings) Order, 1960.

The Southern Rice Zone (Restriction on Rail Bookings) Order, 1960, continued to be in force during the year. The Director of Food Supplies was authorised to issue permits for transport or booking of rice to any prohibited Railway Station.

(ii) The Mysore Foodgrains Movement Control Order, 1957 restricting the transport of foodgrains in the areas comprising certain villages in the Taluks of Khanapur in Belgaum District and Karwar Taluk and Supa Mahal in North Kanara District continued to be in force during the year under report.

(iv) The Mysore Foodgrains Dealers and Millers Licensing Order, 1958, continued to be in force during the year under report.

(v) Rice Milling Industry (Regulation) Act, 1958 and the Rules made thereunder continued to be in force during the year under report. The Director of Food Supplies was appointed under this Act, as the Co-ordinating authority between the Deputy Commissioners of Districts and Government in respect of all proposals for the grant of permits.

13 Distribution of wheat and control orders relating thereto.

The Government of India continued to supply Overseas wheat at Rs. 37-51 nP. per quintal through their Central Storage Depots in various centres of the State and arrangements were made to distribute this wheat to the *bona fide*

consumers through Co-operative Societies, Fair Price Shops and recognised dealers. The State's quota of 4,000 tonnes of wheat was enhanced to 6,000 tonnes in September 1960 and to 10,000 tonnes in December 1960.

There was no control over the distribution of wheat and wheat products by the Department, during the period under report.

The wheat (Southern Zone Export Control) Order, 1958, promulgated by Government of India prohibiting the export of wheat and wheat products except under permits issued by the competent authority continued to be in force during the period under report. The imported Foodgrains (Prohibition of Unauthorised Sale) Order, 1958 promulgated by the Government of India also continued to be in force in the State during the year.

14 *Sugar* :—The arrangements made during the previous year for the distribution of sugar at the prices fixed in this behalf were continued during the year under report.

The monthly quota of sugar for consumption in the State was fixed by the Government of India at 8,000 tonnes. Well managed Co-operative Societies and deserving private merchants holding Sugar Dealers' Licence were appointed as wholesale distributors for lifting the allotted quantities from the Sugar Factories, and sugar was distributed through retail dealers as per the directions issued by the Government in this behalf. The prices of sugar were fixed by the Deputy Commissioners of Districts on the basis of ex-factory price and providing a reasonable marking for incidentals and wholesalers and retailers' commission in addition to Octroi. With these arrangements, it was possible to ensure a satisfactory and equitable distribution of sugar throughout the State.

15 *Food Godowns* .—There were 53 godowns with an aggregate storage capacity of about 38,250 tonnes under the control of the Food Supplies Department as on 31st March 1961. There were, however, no Government stocks of foodgrains except in the Godown at Kumara Krupa, Bangalore City. Some of the Godowns were leased out to the Central Government, Mysore State Co-operative Marketing Society, Ltd., Bangalore and to some other institutions on payment of rent.

16 *Local Audit Objections* :—At the beginning of the year under report, the outstanding audit objections in respect of the Old Mysore area amounted to Rs. 25,89,094 and a fresh demand of Rs. 1,07,891 was booked during the year thus bringing the total to Rs. 26,96,985. Objections to the extent of Rs. 3,68,884 were cleared during the year having a balance of Rs. 23,33,101. In the integrated areas of Belgaum and North Kanara Districts, the total outstanding objection was Rs. 2,47,687-83 nP. out of which objections to the extent of Rs. 1,468.60 were cleared.

The progress in the disposal of the audit objections during the year under report as compared with that of the previous year was very poor. The Director of Food Supplies was requested to see that the work of clearance of audit objection was speeded up.

17 *General* :—There was no major change in the Food policy in the State during the year under report. The attention of the Department was focussed mainly on the implementation of the price stabilisation scheme and the finalisation of the residuary items of work.

The working of the Department on the whole was satisfactory.

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